EVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government have no plans for a newsprint project at Yeraguntla. Hence, the question of abandoning it does not arise.

हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड का हल्दिया एकक

*337. **श्री लक्खीराम अग्रवाल :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन, लिमिटेड (एच. एफ. सी. एल.) का हल्दिया स्थित संयंत्र वर्ष 1979 में तैयार हो जाने के बावजूद निष्क्रिय पड़ा है, यदि हां तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपरेशन लिमिटेड के निष्क्रिय पड़े ऐसे अन्य संयंत्रों के नाम क्या हैं;

(ग) हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड का घाटा प्रतिवर्ष निरंतर बढ़ने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) ऐसे घाटे से उबरने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) मैं. हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड (एच.एफ.सी.) की हल्दिया उर्वरक परियोजना आरम्भण के बाद से बार-बार उपस्करों में खराबी और अन्य कारण चालू नहीं की जा सकी. आरम्भण कार्यकलाप अक्तूबर 1986 में रोक दिए गए क्योंकि इस बात की कोई निश्चितता नहीं थी कि परियोजना उपयुक्त रूप से चालू की जा सकती है तथा व्यावहारिक रूप से संचालित की जा सकती है।

(ख) एच.एफ.सी. के अन्य संयंत्र प्रचलन में हैं।

(ग) एच.एफ.सी. की हानियों में निरंतर वृद्धि मुख्यतः डिजाइन में कमी के कारण इसके परिचालित एककों की निम्न क्षमता उपयोगिता, उपस्करों में खराबी, विद्युत की कमी तथा औद्योगिक संबंधी की समस्याओं के कारण है।

(घ) संयंत्रों में सामान्य मरम्मत तथा प्रतिस्थापन के अतिरिक्त सभी एककों में केप्टिव पावर संयंत्र स्थापित किए गए हैं। संयंत्रों का कोई बड़ा पुनर्वास नहीं किया जा सका क्योंकि उच्च निदेश तथा परिणामी भारी राज सहायता देयता को देखते हुए प्रस्तावों को व्यावहारिक नहीं माना गया।

कम्पनी को औद्योगिक एवं पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड द्वारा इस निर्देश के साथ ऋण घोषित कर दिया गया है कि 31-3-93 तक एक व्यावहारिक पुनर्वास पैकेज प्रस्तुत किया जाए।

Representation from the workers union of a vehicle factory, Jabalpur

*338. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Workers' Union of Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur (INTUC) about the apprehended privatisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken for propose to take to encourage

indigenous manufacture of vehicles required for armed forces to avoid lay-offs and retrenchment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Vehicle Factory Rashtriya Kamgar Union, Jabalpur, had in 1991, given a representation on some issues which included the apprehended privatisation of defence organisations.

(c) The Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur, continues to produce vehicles for use of armed forces. Steps are being taken to improve the product, keeping in view the specifications provided by the armed forces. There is no proposal of any lay-off or retrenchment of workers at the factory.

Canteen stores department preferring firms of National Repute

*339. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MNISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canteen Stores Department is giving preference to large firms which have been designated as having "National Repute";

(b) if so, what minimum qualifications have to be fulfilled by companies to obtain description of "National Repute";

(c) whether there have been any instance when such categorised firms of "National Repute" were removed from this privileged list;

(d) if so, details of such instances; and

(e) whether there is a periodic review to remove or include firms into the list of "National Repute"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Canteen Stores Department (CSD) considers all new products, offered for introduction for the first time, and assesses their likely sale potential so that, if purchase decisions are taken, the procurement is only of such products and quantities as would not lead to creation of idle inventories. Some such items are manufactured and offered for introduction by firms of national repute, meaning well known firms whose existing products have an established market. However, this does not ipso facto involve any preferential treatment. All new products are subjected to common assessment procedures, with reference to market survey, pricing etc. No weightage is given to the products of well known firms per se.

The list of items in CSD's inventory is reviewed from time to time with a view to determining whether, on the basis of its performance, an item deserves to be retained in the inventory. The deletion of any item(s) is based entirely on the lack of demand for the product and its poor sales performance, irrespective of the reputation or size of the suppliers|manufacturers.

Land use survey of Nagpur District by satellite

*340. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether land use survey of Nagpur District by Satellite has been made;

(b) if so, what is the major land use pattern and in what manner it differs from the conventional land use survey; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative by when such survey is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.